

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A small article case composed of a socket and a plug-in body to be inserted in said socket,

wherein said socket comprises a tubular body with a bottom having front and rear wall portions and opposing side wall portions, and a pair of engagement pawl attaching openings cut in arcs from said respective side wall portions to said front and rear wall portions are provided on the bottom a side thereof of the side wall portions; and

said plug-in body comprises a picking portion having a section larger than that of an insert hole of said socket, a small article mounting plate portion elongated from said picking portion in the an insertion direction of said socket, and a pair of elastic legs which are elongated in the insertion direction at a certain distance from and along at least a front end of said small article mounting plate portion and which have engagement pawls on the outside surfaces thereof; and

a small article holding pocket formed on said small article mounting plate of said plug-in body, wherein said small article holding pocket is capable of receiving and positively holding at least a portion of a small article.

Claim 2 (currently amended) A The small article case according to claim 1, wherein said socket and said plug-in body are molded articles made of a synthetic resin material.

Claim 3 (currently amended) A The small article case according to claim 1, wherein said small article case has a wall portion on a circumference edge portion of said small article mounting plate portion and a shape of a section comprising said small

article mounting plate portion and said wall portion is substantially equal to the section of said insert hole of said socket.

Claim 4 (currently amended) A The small article case according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of~~ a guide ridge and a concave groove which are is elongated in the an insertion direction of said plug-in body and ~~which are capable of being fitted with each other,~~ is formed on one of a rear surface of said small article mounting plate portion of said plug-in body and the an inside face of any one of the front and rear wall portions of said socket, and the ~~other of said guide ridge and said concave groove is favored on the other of said rear surface and said inside face~~ a concave groove, which is elongated in the insertion direction of the plug-in body and capable of being fitted with the guide ridge, is formed on the other one of the rear surface of the small article mounting plate portion of the plug-in body and the inside face of any one of the front and rear wall portions of the socket.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A The small article case according to claim 2, wherein at least one of said front and rear wall portions of said socket is formed by a transparent material.

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) A The small article case according to claim 1, comprising a strap attaching hole on at least one of said socket and the plug-in body.

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